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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
Todd J. MORTIER et al. ) Group Art Unit: 3738  
Application No.: 09/981,790 ) Examiner: David Willse  
Filed: October 19, 2001 )  
For: VALVE TO MYOCARDIUM )  
TENSION MEMBERS DEVICE )  
AND METHOD )

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

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AMENDMENT AND  
RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION AND ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENTS

In reply to the Office Action dated December 24, 2002, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add new claims 70-79, as follows:

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70. (New) A method for improving cardiac function, comprising:  
placing a first member relative to a heart chamber to alter the cross-sectional shape of the chamber; and  
placing a second member relative to a valve of the heart chamber to assist in apposition of leaflets of the valve.

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